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PRAYER.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that it hath pleased Thee to put it into the hearts of Thy people to commence the erection of a house in which Thou art to be worshipped, the glad tidings of Salvation proclaimed, and Thy holy Sacraments administered. Prosper Thou us, O Lord, in this our undertaking. Keep and preserve by Thy Providence unto the end the work which is begun in Thy name. Do Thou, O Lord, accept the humble offering which we bring to Thee in the erection of this house of worship. And do Thou fill the hearts of Thy people with a Spirit of love and devotion, and graciously remember us in our work. In Thee, O Lord, do we trust for guidance and help. Bless Thy Church universal, and bless this household of faith. We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast prospered this vine of Thine own planting in the past, and do Thou bless it in the years to come. Grant that through its agency countless numbers may be brought to a Saving Knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name all who are and may henceforth be gathered into this fold, unto the final coming of Thy Son, and unto the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost be everlasting praise.

HISTORY.

May 19th, 1875, the General Synod of the Reformed Church of the United States convened in Triennial Session in the St. John's Reformed Church of this city. At this meeting many of the ministers of the church were so favorably impressed with the future outlook of the city and the prospects of the Reformed Church, that there was a general desire that at as early a date as possible, there might be organized in the city an English Reformed Church. No definite action however was taken in the matter until in 1882, when the Board of Home Missions of the Ohio Synod sent its Missionary Superintendent, Rev. S. P. Meyers, upon the grounds with instructions to make a careful canvass of the city, and in due time report the results to the Board. When the canvass was completed, the Superintendent made a very favorable report to the Board, whereupon, on the 9th day of January, 1883, the Board commissioned Rev. T. J. Bacher as Missionary to Fort Wayne. The commission was accepted, and on the 6th day of April, 1883, the Missionary entered upon his field of labor. On the 8th day of April the first sermon was preached in the little Jewish Synagogue on Harrison Street, between Wayne and Washington Streets. In this place the congregation worshipped until February 1st, 1884, after which the services were held in the Rathbone Hall on West

Berry Street, until the Chapel was built on the lot now owned by the church on East Washington Street.

ORGANIZATION.

The permanent organization was effected on Whit Sunday, May 13th, 1883, with fifty Charter members. A constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: Elders, F. D. Paulus, W. H. Habecker; Deacons, H. P. Vordermark, Henry Rehling; Trustees, J. W. Vordermark, Martin Connett, Jacob Certia; D. W. Souder, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The present location of church property, lot 96, on East Washington Street, between Barr and Lafayette Streets, consisting of 95 feet front, was purchased June 13th, 1883, at a cost of \$4000. At a later date the Congregation sold of this lot on the east side 35 feet front, to Rev. T. J. Bacher, for the sum of \$1500. April 1st, 1888, at the close of the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Bacher, the Congregation again purchased the 35 feet for a parsonage lot, at a cost of \$1800.

THE CHAPEL BUILDING.

The lecture rooms now standing in the rear end of the church lot, were built in the Summer of 1884 at a cost of \$3150. The Corner Stone was laid April 27th, 1884, and the Chapel dedicated July 27th, 1884. These rooms have been a pleasant church home for the Congregation for a period of nearly ten years. Here the Congregation has worshipped, and the word of God has been preached, and the Sacraments administered. In these rooms dedicated to the Lord, souls have been borne into the Kingdom, infants and adults dedicated to the Lord in Holy Baptism, the youth instructed, and at the Alter hearts have been united in the sacred bonds of Holy wedlock. Here too, words of comfort have been spoken to the bereaved and sorrowing friends have taken a long and last farewell of their departed loved ones. Here, in this Chapel

the Church has enjoyed a steady and prosperous growth, until it has to-day in its fold well on to three hundred souls.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Sabbath School was organized May 6th, 1883, and has been well sustained up to the present date. F. D. Paulus was its first Superintendent, and during the time of its organization has held this office for a period of eight years. D. W. Souder, the present incumbent, is filling his third year of office. The School has grown to an enrollment of some more than 150, with an average attendance of about 115. The Sabbath School has been the nursery of the church and in its present healthy and prosperous condition, bids fair to be a continuous revenue to the Congregation.

PASTORATE.

The pastorate of Rev. T. J. Bacher extended over a period of five years, beginning April 6th, 1883 and closing April 1st, 1888. During this period there were 256 accessions to the church, 78 of this number remain in the Congregation to this date. Of the fifty Charter members there are yet sixteen in connection with the church. During the pastorate of Rev. T. J. Bacher, the church lot was purchased, the lecture rooms built and the indebtedness of both canceled.

After the pastoral relationship of Rev. T. J. Bacher was dissolved, Rev. A. K. Zartman, then pastor of the First Reformed Church of Goshen, Ind., was unanimously elected to the pastorate, and a call was extended him, dated April 18, 1888. After some weeks of prayerful deliberation the call was accepted, and the newly elected pastor entered formally upon his work June 1 1888. The pastor and his family, consisting of himself, wife and daughter removed to the city July 1, 1888. They were lothe to sever the ties of love and fellowship by which they were bound to the members of their former parish. Feeling assured

that the Lord had opened to them another door of labor, they felt themselves constrained to be obedient to the voice of God. It was most gratifying to them to be so cordially received by the people of their new field of labor. For six years the union formed with the members of Grace Church has continued and under very pleasant and gratifying circumstances. The bonds of love and fellowship have in these years of mutual toils, prayers, anxieties, sorrows and joys, conflicts and triumphs, been gradually strengthened, and the united labors of pastor and people greatly blessed. It is believed the church has been making a healthy growth spiritually, and it has had an encouraging growth in numerical strength.

During the present pastorate there have been 275 accessions to the church. Of this number some over 200 are in full membership with the church to this date. The debt of \$1,800 on the parsonage lot has been canceled, and a parsonage house erected at a cost of \$2,125. The net proceeds of the parish paper, THE GRACE CHURCH VISITOR, are set apart as a sinking fund for the parsonage. To this date the indebtedness has been reduced to about \$1,500.

SOCIETIES ORGANIZED.

Within the past six years two important and prosperous societies have been organized in the church—The Women's Aid and Missionary Society and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. The former was organized September 1, 1888, with the following officers: President, Mrs. A. K. Zartman; Vice-President, Mrs. F. D. Paulus; Secretary, Emma Ersig; Treasurer, Mrs. A. McClure. This society, by its activity and enterprise, has contributed very largely to the financial as well as spiritual success and well being of the church. It has in the main canceled the indebtedness on the parsonage lot, and has on hand a fund of over \$2,000 for the new church auditorium and it is confidently

expected that this amount will be increased to \$3,000 before the church will be completed.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized February 18, 1890, with twenty-two active and four associate members, and with election of the following officers: President, A. K. Zartman; Vice-President, Edward Miller; Recording Secretary, Emma Neireiter; Corresponding Secretary, Phillip Hyman; Treasurer, Mary Wilkinson. The society has been the pastor's "heart's ease," and the training school and recruiting station for the young people. Much good has been accomplished through its agency, and it is to-day in a flourishing condition.

THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING.

For some years past the congregation has already felt a pressing need of completing its church buildings. At the instance of the pastor a meeting of the congregation was called September 19, 1892, to take into advisement the matter of building. It was found at this meeting that the members of the church were of one mind in reference to this project, and a motion prevailed to take steps at once looking forward to the erection of the auditorium, at as early a date as possible. By motion the following committees were appointed: Soliciting Committee, A. K. Zartman, Martin Connett, D. W. Souder, R. L. Romy, F. D. Paules, George Soliday, Jacob Rudisil, Valentine Monn.

Building Committee—A. K. Zartman, James Vining, Levi Bolander, D. W. Souder, C. C. Gumper, R. L. Romey, Martin Connett.

The Soliciting Committee began its work shortly after its appointment, and so far has been meeting with encouraging success. The Building Committee secured designs for the church, and at a congregational meeting held in April, 1893, the plans furnished by Architect Cass Chapman, of Chicago, were unanimously accepted. At

a later meeting of the church the erection of the auditorium was postponed until in the spring of 1894. In the month of March last the contract for the building was awarded to Henry Waldo & Bro., for the sum of \$10,513.60, exclusive of stained glass, furniture, and inside painting. The total cost of the church completed and furnished will probably reach the sum of fourteen thousand or more. At this date the foundations of the building are completed and the arrangements are made in full for the laying of the corner stone, on Sabbath afternoon, June 3rd. We expect with us at this service, Rev. W. A. Hale, of Dayton, Ohio, and Rev. Dr. David VanHorn, President of the Theological Seminary, Tiffin, Ohio, and the pastors of the various churches in the city. It is the present hope, the Lord willing, that the church may be ready for dedication sometime during the Easter season of 1895.

And now this brief and but fragmentary record of our beloved church must be concluded, and we do so in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

A copy of this issue of THE GRACE CHURCH VISITOR, together with the church membership directory printed in the February number of the VISITOR will be placed in the corner stone of the new church. And before another mortal eye shall scan this record of "Little Grace Church," as deposited, we shall undoubtedly all have passed into death. And wilt Thou, O Lord, grant us eternal fellowship with Thee and our departed loved ones. A generation as yet unborn will doubtless read this record, and when they may do so may they feel that although they do not know us after the flesh, yet after the spirit we 'as are brethren' "in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth." 1 Tim., 3:15.

Pastor, A. K. ZARTMAN.

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EXCURSION.

Remember the date of our Excursion to Rome City, Friday, June 15th. Tickets for adults, \$1.00, children, 50 cents. Get a supply of Tickets to sell from Charles Gumpfer. Train leaves the South Depot in the morning at 8:05. Every member of Grace Church and Sabbath School should take in the excursion.

THE members of the Pastor's Catechetical Class will give an Entertainment and Ice Cream Festival, Thursday evening, May 31st. Tickets for Entertainment and Ice Cream, 10 cents.

JUNE 1st the pastor enters upon the seventh year of his pastorate with Grace Church. Six years have passed by very rapidly, but they have been years of delightful service for the Master and also among a very pleasant and co-operative people. May the Lord's blessing attend our future labors among this people, and give us strength for every duty and responsibility.

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC ZARTMAN of Glenford, Ohio, the pastor's parents, are visitors at the parish house. They are making a trip through Western Ohio and Indiana. They will remain in Fort Wayne until the Corner Stone laying of the New Church June 3rd. They are aged respectively, 80 and 78 years. It need not be said that the pastor and family are delighted over their arrival and visit.

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GRAND EXCURSION TO ROME CITY.



All aboard for Rome City, June 15. Train leaves at 8:05 A. M. You should not miss this one opportunity of the season of having a pleasant day at the lake with the members of Grace Church.

THURSDAY evening, May 3rd, the pastor delivered an address before the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Reformed Church at Hudson, Ind. We were pleased to find such an enthusiastic band of young people in this church and so well organized. Miss Gonser is the president, and she is fortunate in having such a large number of wide-awake endeavorers associated with herself in the work. The evening was spent very pleasantly, and we trust also profitably. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Albright and his wife are also active workers in the Society. Brother Albright is doing excellent work in this field, and finds his young people a great support to him. We hope at some future day to visit this Society again.

ICE CREAM festival and entertainment Thursday evening, May 31. Ten cents.

The first general Rally of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Reformed church will be held in the Hough Avenue Reformed church, Cleveland, O., Thursday, July 12, 1894, at 2 p. m., in connection with the Thirteenth International Christian Endeavor convention, July 11-15.

TEN POINTS FOR YOUR SOCIETY TO CONSIDER.

1. There are 287 Reformed Christian Endeavor societies with over 11,000 members.
2. We hope to have most of these societies represented.
3. "Rally Afternoon" will be wholly given up by the convention to Denominational Rallies, so that there will be no conflict with the convention program.
4. This first general mustering of the aggressive young people of our church will be historic; do not miss it.
5. About 800 delegates have already been assured us; but we want to pass the "1000 line."
6. Will your society be represented at the Rally?
7. A very attractive program, consisting of Ten Minutes Topic Talks, by prominent Christian Endeavor workers, from the different parts of our church, has been prepared.
8. A Rally badge composed of Reformed "colors" will be provided for those in attendance.
9. Will you carefully canvass this whole matter in your society, and report the number expecting to be present from your society, as soon as you have approximately ascertained it, to this department?
10. In answer to several inquiries received, the Rally Committee would state that *no free entertainment* will be provided. For rates and other similar information, apply to your State and County managers. Railroad and entertainment rates will be very low.

Yours in Christian Endeavor bonds,
THE RALLY COMMITTEE.

Sabbath School.

D. W. SOUDER.....Superintendent
M. CONNETT.....Ass't Superintendent
CHARLES GUMPPER.....Secretary
MRS. CHARLES GUMPPER.....Treasurer
ALICE CONNETT.....Librarian

Sabbath School Hour, Sabbath Morning, 9:30.

SABBATH-SCHOOL RECORD.

April 1.	Attendance	113.	Collect.,	\$ 4.76
April 8.	"	109.	"	4.70
April 15.	"	111.	"	5.30
April 22.	"	107.	"	4.76
April 29.	"	111.	"	4.32

Total, - - - - - \$23.84

April 1. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection; amount, \$1.25.

April 8. Mr. Connett's class gave largest collection; amount, \$1.10.

April 15. Mrs. Beahler's class gave largest collection; amount, \$1.20.

April 22. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection; amount, \$1.62.

April 29. Mr. Beahler's class gave largest collection; amount, \$1.07.

Birthday collections during April, 94c.

New scholars enrolled during April, 11.

THE Corner Stone laying June 3rd will be a historic epoch for Grace Church. To many of our people the service will be something entirely new. A large attendance is expected. The service will be held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. Put some extra dollars in your pocket for the occasion

WHIT Sunday, May 13, the church celebrated its eleventh anniversary. We were glad to see such a large attendance and so much interest manifested. The church has great reason to rejoice in the progress it has made since its organization, and in its outlook for future growth and usefulness. The congregation has now a membership of almost three hundred, and with the present prospect of soon having our new church ready, we feel greatly encouraged with our work.

Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society

MRS. J. E. BEAHLER.....President
MRS. LOUISA MILLER.....Vice-President
MRS. ED. MILLER.....Secretary
MRS. MARTIN CONNETT.....Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

MRS. LOUISA MILLER. MRS. J. RUDENIL.
MRS. GEO. HESSERD.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

First Thursday of each month, 2:30 P. M.

THE Social given by the ladies of the North-West Section of the city, Thursday evening, May 3rd, was a very pleasant affair, and netted the Society \$20.30.

MRS. GAVIN entertained the Missionary Tea, Thursday afternoon, May 17th. The ladies tell us they had a delightful time. The pastor and one of the elders can vouch for the excellency of the supper. The cash receipts were \$5.00.

MRS. FRENCH and daughter Nellie, recently spent a week with friends at Dayton, Ohio.

RUTH, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gumpfer was baptized at the morning services on Anniversary Day, May 13th.

MISS MAGGIE BOLENDER and little niece of Michigan, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Paulus, 222 West Wayne Street. We have been glad to meet them and see them at our services.

THE St. Joseph Classis will hold its annual meeting at Goshen, Ind., June 7, 8 and 9. The Sunday School convention opens its sessions Wednesday evening, June 6. The Women's Missionary Society will be held June 8 and 9. The following are the delegates from Grace Church: The pastor; lay-delegate, Martin Connett; Sunday School, D. W. Souder, Mrs. F. D. Paulus; Women's Society, Mrs. A. K. Zartman and Mrs. J. E. Beahler. The next number of the VISITOR will contain reports of these conventions.

Y. P. S. C. E.

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Weekly Prayer Meeting Sabbath Evening at 6:45.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND LEADERS.

May 27. God's call. What is our response? Eph. 4: 1-6, 17-32. Alice Connett.

June 3. Our deliverances; from what and by whom? John 8: 31-36. D. W. Souder.

June 10. Why and how does God punish sin? Ps. 1: 1-6; Rom. 5: 12-21. Lizzie Rudisil.

June 17. Temperance in all things. Prov. 21: 15-30. (A temperance topic.) Eugene Mathis.

June 24. Christian ideals. Matt. 5: 1-16, 48. Anna Souder.

THE district convention of the Y. P. S. C. E. will be held at Decatur, June 14 and 15. We are sorry that our Excursion to Rome City occurs on the same date.

GRACE CHURCH should have a large representation at the Cleveland convention. The railroads will make exceedingly low rates, and boarding and lodging can also be secured at very moderate rates. Over 1,000 Endeavorers from Reformed Churches are expected at this convention.

A BOOKLET entitled "Christian Endeavor Plans and Principles," published by Rev. J. H. Bomberger, is just out of press. We have not yet had the pleasure of examining the book, but we feel confident that it will have a large sale and be helpful to our Endeavorers. The book contains fifty-six pages, and can be had for 15 cents, post paid. Send to Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Columbiana, Ohio, or Reformed Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio.

THE offerings made on Anniversary day amounted to some \$50.00.

GET your fishing tackle ready for the excursion to Rome City, Friday, June 15.

REFORMED CHURCH COOK BOOK.

A book of household helps and culinary directions, under the above title, will be issued within a few months, under the management of Mrs. A. K. Zartman. It is the purpose of Mrs. Zartman to secure in this work the co-operation of the ladies of the Reformed Church, throughout our different classis and synods, requesting them to forward to her such recipes and household hints as have been well tried and proved. Recipes and helps are solicited for every department of house-keeping and cookery. The book will also contain numerous reliable advertisements that will be helpful to the home and the culinary art.

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**LEADERS AND TOPICS FOR THE
WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER
MEETINGS.**

May 30. The parable of the marriage of the king's son. Matt. 24: 1-14. Mrs. Zartman, Nellie French.

June 6. The parable of the ten virgins. Matt. 25: 1-13. Rev. N. W. Bloom.

June 13. The parable of the talents. Matt. 25: 14-31.

June 20. The parable of the two debtors. Luke 7: 41-43. Rev. A. K. Zartman.

June 27. The parable of the Good Samaritan. Luke 10: 30-37. D. W. Souder.

MID-SUMMER communion services July the 8th.

LAY aside a liberal offering for the new church on corner stone laying day.

REV. DR. KEUHLING, of the Salem Reformed Church, and Rev. Dr. Shaaf, of the St. Johns Reformed Church, have been invited to deliver brief addresses in the German language at the corner stone laying, June 3d. Their congregations have also been invited to be present at the services.

MARRIAGES.

April 12, Abraham Hoover and Maud Cass, at the home of the groom, 92 East Lewis Street.

May 3. Reuben Mullen and Kate Walters, at the home of the bride's parents, 146 East Lewis Street.

ON the day of the Corner Stone laying there will be Services in the morning in the lecture rooms at 10:30. The weather being favorable, an open air Service, on the floor of the new church, lawn and street, at 3 o'clock p. m., when the Corner Stone will be laid. Services in the evening at 7:30. We are certain the sermons, addresses and singing of the day will be a treat for our people. We expect large congregations at all of these services.

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